REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action dated March 6, 2007. Claims 1-19 are pending, with Claim 1 in independent form. The Office Action indicates that original Claim 3, which depended from Claim 2, includes allowable subject matter. Applicants believe that the limitations in Claim 2 are not needed, however, to establish patentability over the Poggio et al. Patent. In particular, the Poggio et al. Patent is not understood to pertain to recomposing an image to generate an expanded set of images and using the expanded set of images to train a classifier. See, e.g., FIG. 1, of the Poggio et al. Patent, which illustrates its "resize and preprocessing" functionality 12 outside of its "training" functionality. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of original Claim 3, but not the limitations of Claim 2.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and the allowance of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to this Office Action is deemed necessary for the present Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 05-0225.

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